

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's elect without traverse Species VII related to the seventh embodiment shown in FIGS. 11 and 12 (claims 1-4, 10 and 13-16 readable thereon) in the reply filed on 1 November 2004 is acknowledged.

Referring to the Figures and claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 belong to species 1 represented by FIG. 1; claims 1 and 3-7 belong to species 2 represented by FIGS. 2 and 3; claims 1-4, 8 and 9 belong to species 3 represented by FIGS. 4 and 5; claims 1-4 and 10 belong to species 4 represented by FIG. 6; claims 1-4, 11 and 12 belong to species 5 represented by FIG. 7; claims 1-4, 10 and 13-16 belong to species 6 represented by FIGS. 8-10; claims 1-4, 10 and 13-16 belong to species 7 represented by FIGS. 11 and 12; claims 17 and 18 belong to species 8 represented by FIG. 13; claims 19, 20 and 29 belong to species 9 represented by FIGS. 14 and 15; claims 19, 20 and 29 belong to species 10 represented by FIG. 16; claims 19-21, 29 and 30 belong to species 11 represented by FIGS. 17 and 18; claims 22-26 and 27 belong to species 12 and 13 represented by FIGS. 19-22; and claims 22-26 and 28 belong to species 14 represented by FIGS. 23 and 24.

For the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have elected claims 1-4, 10 and 13-16 in species 7 related to the seventh embodiment (FIGS. 11 and 12), without traverse.

However, it is respectfully submitted that original claim 5 has an apparent error. Thus, Applicants have amended claim 5 above to cure this apparent error. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

The requirement for restriction being the only issue raised in the present Office Action, this paper is fully responsive to the same. The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention. If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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